

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: <b>Chen et al.</b>	§ Group Art Unit: <b>2443</b>
Serial No.: <b>10/824,811</b>	§
	§ Examiner: <b>Belani, Kishin G.</b>
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Filed: <b>April 15, 2004</b>	§ Confirmation No.: <b>6690</b>
	§
For: <b>System and Method for Searchable Instant Messaging Chat Repositories Using Topic and Identifier Metadata</b>	§ Attorney Docket No.: <b>AUS920031072US1</b>

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0457. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is necessary, I authorize the Commissioner to charge the necessary extension fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

In response to the Final Office Action of February 3, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.